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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 2.0% IN OCTOBER

WASHINGTON, D.C., November 17, 1989 -- Airline passenger traffic rose 2.0 percent to 35.2 billion passenger miles in October, and 36.6 million passengers were enplaned, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic revenue passenger miles grew 1.0 percent in October over the same month last year. Available seat miles increased 0.1 percent. Passenger enplanements remained the same, while the load factor was 61.3 percent, up from 60.7 percent for October a year ago.

In international service, traffic in October increased 5.1 percent, and available seat miles rose 8.4 percent. Passengers declined 1.8 percent, and the load factor amounted to 65.1 percent, compared to 67.1 percent last year.

For the first ten months of 1989, revenue passenger miles in international and domestic service were up 1.7 percent to 354.0 billion, and the number of passengers declined 1.1 percent to 360.2 million. Available seat miles increased 0.7 percent, and the load factor amounted to 64.0 percent versus 63.3 percent last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

OCTOBER 1989 - 1988

	OCTOBER			YEAR TO DATE		
	1988	1989	PERCENT CHANGE	1988	1989	PERCENT CHANGE
DOMESTIC						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	33,625	33,625	0.0	334,801	329,624	(1.5)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	26,520,146	26,788,784	1.0	269,243,703	268,255,307	(0.4)
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	43,687,601	43,727,466	0.1	433,731,821	425,499,342	(1.9)
LOAD FACTOR (%)	60.7	61.3		62.1	63.0	
INTERNATIONAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	2,990	2,937	(1.8)	29,605	30,603	3.4
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	7,990,329	8,395,296	5.1	78,691,303	85,730,767	8.9
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	11,899,705	12,902,300	8.4	115,517,834	127,386,361	10.3
LOAD FACTOR (%)	67.1	65.1		68.1	67.3	
TOTAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	36,615	36,562	(0.1)	364,406	360,227	(1.1)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	34,510,475	35,184,080	2.0	347,935,006	353,986,074	1.7
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	55,587,306	56,629,766	1.9	549,249,655	552,885,703	0.7
LOAD FACTOR (%)	62.1	62.1		63.3	64.0	

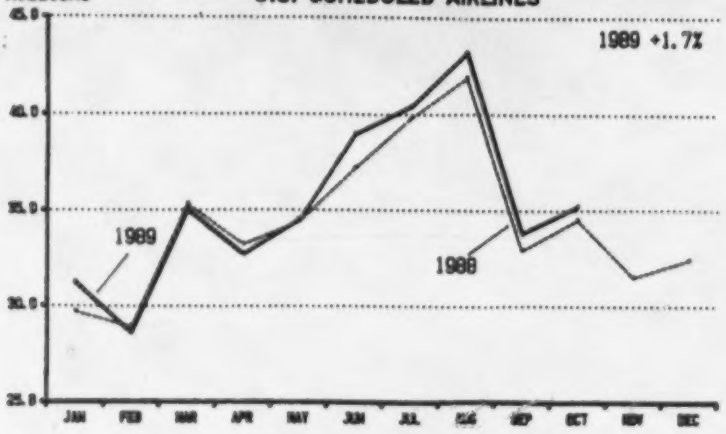
CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, AND SOUTHWEST.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

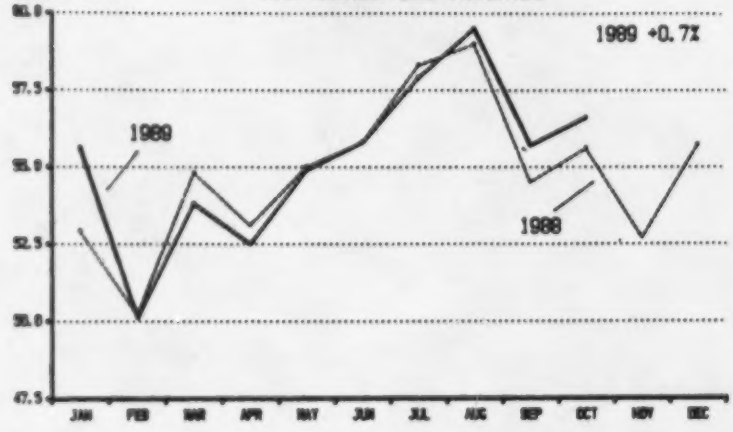
MONTH	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	LOAD FACTOR	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1988				
January	29,650,442	52,927,211	56.0	31,186
February	28,942,984	50,163,135	57.7	32,050
March	35,326,656	54,786,969	64.5	38,811
April	33,240,219	53,065,878	62.6	35,866
May	34,381,529	55,049,442	62.5	36,737
June	37,243,100	55,884,844	66.6	38,021
July	39,818,796	58,316,508	68.3	39,585
August	41,895,721	58,998,348	71.0	41,540
September	32,925,084	54,470,014	60.4	33,995
October	34,510,475	55,587,306	62.1	36,615
November	31,506,302	52,723,437	59.8	34,695
December	32,434,239	55,695,092	58.2	34,230
TOTAL 1988	411,875,547	657,668,184	62.6	433,331
Jan - Oct 1988	347,935,006	549,249,655	63.3	364,406
1989				
January	31,232,713	55,596,547	56.2	32,150
February	28,509,774	50,122,031	56.9	30,610
March	35,013,709	53,796,842	65.1	37,237
April	32,657,967	52,468,698	62.2	33,993
May	34,457,457	54,919,755	62.7	35,908
June	39,058,160	55,791,647	70.0	38,449
July	40,820,138	58,446,370	69.8	39,608
August	43,233,256	59,457,357	72.7	42,042
September	33,818,820	55,656,690	60.8	33,668
October	35,184,080	56,629,766	62.1	36,562
TOTAL 1989	353,986,074	552,885,703	64.0	360,227

	PERCENT CHANGE		
	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1989/1988			
October	2.0	1.9	-0.1
Jan - October	1.7	0.7	-1.1

PASSENGER TRAFFIC
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



CAPACITY
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



LOADFACTOR
PERCENT OF CAPACITY UTILIZED
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES